MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d) Some posts of Deputy Directors, in the rank of DIG, are vacant in the Intelligence Bureau which occur from time to time on promotion or transfer of officers. Action is taken on on-going basis to fill up these vacant posts as early as possible. There is, however, no provision for promotion of IPS officers on adhoc basis.

Bringing Back Bombay Bomb Blast Case accused from Dubai

7756. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India have a positive information that prime accused in the Bombay bomb blasts case Dawood Ibrahim is hiding in Dubai;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken for the extradition of the accused; and

(c) if no extradition treaty exists between India and Dubai, what alternative channels Government are trying to bring back to India the prime accused?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHIR RAJESH PILOT): (a to (c) Dawood Ibrahim has been based in Dubai for the last about 10 years. He and 43 other accused persons, who are absconding, have been declared proclaimed offenders. As a first step towards extradition of the absconders suspected to be abroad, Red Corner Alert notices have been issued by Interpol for their arrest and detention. Efforts are also being made through diplomatic channels for their arrest and deportation to India.

Equipping Kashmiri Militants by Pakistan ISI with Sophisticated Weapons

7757. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as reported in the 'Lokat Times' dated 19th May, 1994 on the eve of Prime Minister's visit to the USA recently, the Pakistani Inter-Services-Intelligence, had equipped Kashmiri militants with sophisticated refined and highly improvised weaponary to escalate violence and terrorism in the valley;

(b) if so, what is Government's information in this regard; and

(c) what is Government's reaction to such Pak action?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) Government are aware of the press report referred to in the Question. It is an established fact that Pak ISI has been actively involved in training, arming and funding militants and infiltrating them into Jammu to Kashmir to indulge in terrorist and subversive activities. Attempts are also being made regularly by Pakistani troops to push in trained militants into the State by resorting to firing etc. to provide cover. In the areas along the Line of Control in the bordering districts of Rajouri and Poonch, there have been frequent attempts at exfiltration/infiltration by the militants and related instances of rocket attacks on security forces. Such incidents and actual seizures indicate that attempts to smuggle/infiltrate sophisticated weapons including AK-series rifles, RPGs, UMGs, Motars, Rocket Launchers, Pistols/Revolvers, Grenades, Bombs, Time devices, detonators and Mines, besides explosive material, etc. continue unabated. In the incidents of rocket attacks in Rajouri and Poonch, some of the rockets have also been found